August 23, 2013

To: Colorado School of Mines Faculty and Staff

From: Terry Parker, Provost

Re: Strategic Planning

Throughout the summer, we have solicited the campus community’s input regarding the draft Mission, Vision, and Values statements which will serve as the foundation for the development and refinement of goals, strategies, and action steps in the strategic planning process. These statements, which were shared with you in July, are listed below and are also included on the campus-wide strategic planning Blackboard site. We are providing another opportunity for you to provide input regarding these draft statements. We will discuss strategic planning, focusing on the Mission, Vision, Values statements, with the Board of Trustees on August 30.

We are seeking your input regarding “Did we miss anything big in relation to the Mission, Vision, and Values statements?” Please provide input regarding whether the Mission, Vision, and Values statements accurately reflect what Mines aspires to achieve within the next 5-10 years, rather than on grammar or minor wording changes. Send this input to planning@mines.edu by August 27.

Finally, as you are all aware the students are back and we all find ourselves consumed with the start of the fall semester. Thanks as always to the faculty and staff for all that you do for Mines.

All the Best!

Terry Parker
Provost
Mission:
Science and engineering education and research that confronts the 21st century challenge of Earth, Energy, and Environmental sustainability.

Elaboration on the Mission:
The Colorado School of Mines educates students and professionals, and creates knowledge through research, to address the quest for a high quality of life for the world’s growing population. Mines embraces the applied sciences, engineering, and associated fields related to the discovery and recovery of the Earth’s resources, the conversion of resources to materials and energy, technologies that support the biosciences, and the economic and social systems necessary for a sustainable global society. Mines empowers its faculty, students, and staff to achieve excellence in its academic programs that align with the needs of our industrial, governmental and academic constituents, in its research in the Earth, Energy and Environmental domains, and in its application of knowledge for the development of new technology.

Vision:
Mines will be the premier institution, based on the impact of its graduates and research programs, in science and engineering relating to the Earth, Energy and Environment.

Elaboration on the Vision:
The Colorado School of Mines is a world-class institution, continually enhancing its leadership in knowledge creation, education, services and solutions that serve varied national and international constituencies – individual and corporate, public and private – comprehensively, and especially our expertise areas in engineering and applied science related to Earth, Energy, and Environment. Mines belongs in the top tier of educational institutions focused on stewardship of the earth, development of materials, and technology innovation surrounding the biosciences.

Values:
A student centered institution focused on education that promotes integrity, passion for their chosen field, tenacity and perseverance, and responsibility for developing a better world.

Elaboration on Values:
Students are at the core of the Mines mission and we actively promote ethical and responsible behaviors as a part of all aspects of campus life. The Mines student leaves the institution with a strong sense of integrity, demonstrated ability to get a job done, passion to achieve goals, and a developed sense of responsibility to promote positive change in the world.